

NORTH DAKOTA



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PRESENTATION OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thursday, March 17th

**1 pm - Anya Richard & Summer Hoffman,
Surrey High School
6:30 pm - Chelsee Holmen,
*Velva Public School***

Friday, March 18th

**1 pm - Sammy Farden,
Glenburn High School
6:30 pm - Bottineau Vocal Ease**

Saturday, March 20th

**1 pm - Annebel and Gracie Ebel
Our Redeemer's Christian High School
6:30 pm - Trinity Boys Quartet**

HONOR GUARD SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 18th

**1 pm - Minot Jr. ROTC
6:30 pm - 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus**

Friday, March 19th

**1 pm - Minot Jr. ROTC
6:30 pm - 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus**

Saturday, March 20th

**1 pm - Minot Jr. ROTC
6:00 pm - 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus**

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

State Officials selected by NDHSAA

Brian Aufforth.....Minot
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Steven Meier.....Bismarck
Justin Purintun.....Hazelton
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Logan Pfungsten.....Wahpeton
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TEAM HOST.....Jeremy Feller
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TEAM HOST.....Milt Korslien

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HOSPITALITY.....Jack Nybakken
HOSPITALITY.....Duane Brekke
HOSPITALITY.....Ron Hensen
HOSPITALITY.....Larry Lane
DESK PERSONNEL.....Cory MacIver
DESK PERSONNEL.....Lance Makeeff
DESK PERSONNEL.....Jeff Brose
DESK PERSONNEL.....Kaycee Grochow
DESK PERSONNEL.....Pat Slotsve



KINDRED VIKINGS

DATE OPPONENT SCORE

12-11-21	DGF	W 53-44
12-13-21	Hillsboro/Central Valley	L 44-45
12-17-21	Tri-State: Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah-Rosholt	W 70-26
12-21-21	Richland High School	W 77-44
01-01-22	Shiloh Christian High School	W 52-37
01-07-22	Sargent County	W 69-31
01-08-22	Grafton High School	W 57-45
01-13-22	Lisbon High School	W 57-29
01-17-22	Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier	W 48-37
01-20-22	Maple River	W 66-27
01-25-22	Thompson High School	W 62-46
01-27-22	Wyndmere/Lidgerwood	W 71-31
01-31-22	Hankinson High School	W 72-44
02-04-22	May-Port-C-G	W 53-39
02-08-22	Central Cass High School	L 60-69
02-14-22	Northern Cass High School	W 65-58
02-19-22	Oakes High School	W 65-27
02-23-22	Oak Grove High School	W 61-43
02-28-22	Enderlin High School	W 60-53
03-03-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 1 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	Northern Cass High School	W 65-45
03-08-22	Central Cass High School	W 56-53
03-10-22	Enderlin High School	W 70-50
03-17-22	Bowman County High School	
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	

REGION 1



Front (L to R): Presley Peraza, Karson Ouse, Jaiden Peraza, Max McQuillan, Riley Sunram, Paul Olson and Cole Campbell

Middle (L to R): Jeremiah Dockter, Jorgen Swenson, Trey Heinrich, Jack Davis, Owen Hoyme, Brock Woehl, Chase Miller, Dawson Hoy

Back (L to R): Andrea Hoyme, Matt Hagen, Scott Milbrandt, Brad Woehl, Jimmy Hoy, Jordyn Dockter, and Carissa Goodmanson

School Information

Superintendent: Steve Hall

Principal: Kent Packer

Athletic Director: Matt Crane

Coach: Brad Woehl

Assistant Coaches: Scott Milbrandt, Matt Hagen, Jimmy Hoy

Stats: Carissa Goodmanson, Andrea Hoyme, Jordyn Dockter

Video: Hunter Bindas

School Song: Across the Field

School Colors: Royal Blue, White

School Mascot: Vikings

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
2	Brock	Woehl	12	Guard	5'11"
3	Cole	Campbell	11	Guard	5'9"
5	Karson	Ouse	9	Forward	6'5"
10	Jeremiah	Dockter	11	Guard	5'11"
12	Presley	Peraza	9	Center, Forward	6'4"
20	Jorgen	Swenson	11	Guard	5'11"
21	Owen	Hoyme	10	Guard	6'0"
22	Paul	Olson	12	Forward	6'5"
23	Maxwell	McQuillan	12	Guard, Forward	6'6"
24	Trey	Heinrich	11	Forward	6'1"
30	Jaiden	Peraza	12	Center	6'6"
32	Chase	Miller	12	Forward	6'3"
34	Jack	Davis	10	Forward	6'4"



Brad Woehl

I am originally from Ashley, ND graduating high school in 1993. After high school, I attended Bismarck State College and Valley City State University graduating with a degree in Social Science Education in 1998. After that, I coached and taught at Linton High School (1998-2000); Oakes (2000-2006); Mandan (2006-2007). I am currently in my 14th year at Kindred Public School; I am married to my wife Becki and have three kids Brenden, Brittany, and Brock. During my tenure, I have had the honor of being selected Coach for the Year in 2003, 2014, 2019, 2020.

GRAFTON SPOILERS

REGION 2



Back (L to R): Coach Baldwin, Coach Hanson, Maxwell Dumas, William Jiskra, Kyler Droog, Ethan Suda, Omarion Brown, Abram Sevigny, Coach Lillemoen
Middle (L to R): Ryan Hanson, Tony Villarreal, David Perez, Hayden Perez, Braylon Baldwin
Front (L to R): Richard Rice, Chael O'Hara

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
1	Braylon	Baldwin	10	Guard	5'10"
2	Tony	Villarreal	10	Guard	5'11"
3	Ryan	Hanson	10	Guard	6'1"
5	William	Jiskra	12	Forward	6'4"
10	Hayden	Perez	11	Guard	5'6"
11	Ethan	Suda	12	Forward	5'10"
13	David	Perez	10	Guard	5'5"
22	Maxwell	Dumas	11	Forward	6'3"
23	Abram	Sevigny	10	Forward	6'0"
31	Omarion	Brown	11	Forward	5'11"
33	Kyler	Droog	9	Forward	6'3"

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12-10-21	Drayton/Valley-Edinburg	W 51-19
12-11-21	Oakes High School	W 55-40
12-13-21	Cavalier High School	W 81-58
12-20-21	Midway/Minto	W 64-51
01-03-22	Hatton/Northwood	W 69-35
01-08-22	Kindred High School	L 45-57
01-11-22	Drayton/Valley-Edinburg	W 76-31
01-13-22	North Border	L 45-64
01-17-22	Stephen-Argyle	W 83-51
01-20-22	Larimore High School	W 82-17
01-21-22	East Grand Forks	L 71-73
01-27-22	May-Port-C-G	W 63-48
02-03-22	Carrington High School	L 55-63
02-04-22	Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	W 65-44
02-08-22	Park River/Fordville-Lankin	W 75-38
02-10-22	Hillsboro/Central Valley	L 43-48
02-12-22	Cavalier High School	W 67-38
02-17-22	Midway/Minto	W 69-38
02-19-22	North Star	L 44-66
02-25-22	Thompson High School	W 60-52
03-01-22	Central Cass High School	W 86-83
03-01-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 2 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	May-Port-C-G	W 50-40
03-08-22	Thompson High School	W 58-51
03-10-22	Hillsboro/Central Valley	W 64-62
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	
03-17-22	LaMoure-Litchville/Marion	

School Information

Superintendent: Darren Albrecht

Principal: Randy Rice

Athletic Director: Jon Koehmstedt

Coach: Riley Lillemoen

Assistant Coaches: Brent Baldwin, Mike Hanson

School Song: College Boy

School Colors: Maroon, Gold

School Mascot: Spoilers



Riley Lillemoen

Riley was a graduate of Hatton High School in 2001 and a graduate of Mayville State University in 2005, where he majored in Elementary Education and received a minor in coaching. Riley has worked in the Grafton School District for 15 years, 3 of those as an elementary teacher and the last 12 as the Career Advisor. He is currently in his 15th year with the Grafton boys basketball program, this his 10th year as head coach. This will be his 3rd trip to the state tournament as a head coach and his 2nd in a row as last year's team finished in 3rd place.



LAMOURE/LITCHVILLE-MARION LOBOES

DATE OPPONENT SCORE

REGION 3

12-13-21	Sargent County	W 64-49
12-18-21	Wyndmere/Lidgerwood	W 58-28
12-21-21	Lisbon High School	W 57-36
01-11-22	Enderlin High School	L 49-70
01-13-22	Dunseith High School	W 55-54
01-21-22	Ellendale High School	L 40-42
01-24-22	Griggs-Midkota	W 70-41
01-28-22	Carrington High School	W 61-42
01-29-22	Enderlin High School	W 54-50
02-01-22	Oakes High School	W 60-39
02-03-22	Barnes County North High School	W 51-13
02-04-22	Linton/HMB Lions	W 61-33
02-07-22	Richland High School	W 75-53
02-08-22	Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier	W 55-44
02-10-22	Medina-Pingree/Buchanan	W 65-41
02-12-22	Glenburn High School	W 75-27
02-15-22	Maple River	W 55-36
02-17-22	South Border Mustangs	W 62-30
02-19-22	North Border	L 56-68
02-26-22	Barnes County North High School	W 60-30
02-26-22	Class B, District 5 Boys Basketball Tournament	
02-28-22	Griggs-Midkota	W 52-38
03-01-22	Ellendale High School	W 61-48
03-07-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 3 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	Napoleon/G-S Imperials	W 62-37
03-08-22	South Border Mustangs	W 57-28
03-10-22	Ellendale High School	W 48-23
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	
03-17-22	Grafton High School	



Back (L to R): Colton Ness, Max Musland, Corban Potts, Landon Piehl, Anthony Hanson, Carter Bowman

Middle (L to R): Brady Pfaff-Christianson, Owen Lesko, Kyreece McGaughy, Brayan Karlgaard, Charlie Bowman, Wyatt Miller, Connor Johnson

Front (L to R): Treyce McGaughy, Tate Mart, Nick Meisch, Cyle Warcken, Blase Isaacson, Russel Exner

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
2	Kyreece	McGaughy	12	Guard	5'11"
3	Charlie	Bowman	12	Guard	5'11"
5	Max	Musland	10	Guard	6'4"
10	Corban	Potts	12	Guard	6'4"
11	Tate	Mart	11	Guard	5'9"
12	Connor	Johnson	11	Guard	5'11"
13	Blase	Isaacson	10	Guard	5'9"
20	Brayan	Karlgaard	9	Forward	6'1"
21	Cyle	Warcken	12	Guard	5'10"
23	Colton	Ness	11	Forward	6'1"
24	Brady	Pfaff-Christianson	10	Guard	5'10"
25	Anthony	Hanson	11	Forward	6'4"
32	Landon	Piehl	12	Forward	6'2"
34	Wyatt	Miller	10	Center	6'2"

School Information

Superintendent(s): Mitch Carlson, Tom Nitschke

Principal(s): Lucas Isaacson, Tyler Lee

Athletic Director(s): Lucas Isaacson, Tyler Lee

Coach: Darren Thielges

Assistant Coaches: Lucas Isaacson, Tyler Thielges

ALL SCHOOLS IN COOP:

LaMoure High School, Litchville-Marion High School



Darren Thielges

Darren Thielges is in his 18th season as the head coach for the Loboes. On February 26th, he surpassed 300 career wins. He graduated from LaMoure High School in 1989 and Northern State University in 1994. He is the manager of Choice Insurance Agency in LaMoure. In 2008, Darren led the Loboes to a 3rd place finish in the State tournament and in both 2013 and 2015, they placed 4th. Darren and Gwen have been married 29 years and they have four children: Tyler, 27 (Megan) Brady, 26 (McKenna) Drew, 24 (Helen) and Mallory, 21. They have three grandsons: Traxen (4), Breckett (3), and Kallstyn (7 months).



FOUR WINDS/MINNEWAUKAN INDIANS

REGION 4



Front (L to R): Marial Deng, Keyshawn St. Pierre, Kashton Keja, Wade Nestell, Kelson Keja, Kylon Keja, Keilan Longie, Ty Dauphinais, Keenan Keo
Back (L to R): Dennis Smith, Assistant Coach, Travis Mertens, Assistant Coach, Jayden Yankton, Dalen Leftbear, Jacolby Pearson, Deng Deng, Mike Alex, Brayden Thomas, Jeff Fuchs, Assistant Coach, Rick Smith, Head Coach

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
0	Deng	Deng	10	Forward	6'4"
3	Dalen	Leftbear	10	Forward, Guard	6'2"
4	Jayden	Yankton	12	Guard	6'1"
10	Keyshawn	St. Pierre	10	Guard	5'6"
11	Jacolby	Pearson	12	Guard, Forward	6'3"
12	Keenan	Keo	10	Guard	5'10"
13	Brayden	Thomas	9	Forward	6'2"
15	Marial	Deng	8	Guard	5'10"
20	Wade	Nestell	10	Guard	5'9"
23	Ty	Dauphinais	11	Forward	5'10"
24	Kelson	Keja	11	Guard	5'6"
25	Kashton	Keja Jr	9	Guard	5'4"
33	Keilan	Longie	9	Guard	5'8"
34	Michael	Alex	11	Center	6'5"
35	Kylon	Keja	10	Forward	5'10"

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12-13-21	Enderlin High School	W 82-79
12-17-21	Beulah High School	W 82-67
12-29-21	Dickinson Trinity High School	W 76-56
01-06-22	Ramsey County Invitational	
01-06-22	Rolette High School	W 94-46
01-07-22	Devils Lake Firebirds	W 90-52
01-10-22	North Star	W 98-74
01-14-22	Hillsboro/Central Valley	W 81-50
01-17-22	New Rockford-Sheyenne High School	W 85-37
01-20-22	Benson County	W 102-28
01-22-22	Oak Grove High School	W 82-62
01-25-22	Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	W 88-44
01-28-22	Dakota Prairie High School	W 84-29
02-03-22	Lakota High School	W 91-44
02-07-22	Harvey/Wells County	W 79-52
02-08-22	Rugby High School	W 71-54
02-12-22	Hatton/Northwood	W 81-24
02-15-22	Warwick High School	W 82-26
02-19-22	Shiloh Christian High School	W 75-55
02-23-22	Dunseith High School	W 92-69
02-25-22	Class B, District 7 Boys Basketball Tournament	
02-26-22	New Rockford-Sheyenne High School	W 83-35
02-28-22	Harvey/Wells County	W 69-43
03-07-22	Rolla High School	W 70-46
03-07-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 4 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-08-22	Dunseith High School	W 83-72
03-10-22	Harvey/Wells County	W 61-34

School Information

Superintendent(s): Jean Callahan, Jeff Olson

Principal(s): David Mahon, Stacy Benz

Athletic Director(s): David Mahon, Rick Smith

Coach: Rick Smith

Assistant Coaches: Dennis Smith,

Travis Mertens, Jeff Fuchs

Coop Mascot: Indians

ALL SCHOOLS IN COOP:

Minnewaukan High School, Four Winds High School

Rick Smith



Rick Smith is a graduate of Warwick Public School in 1982 and a graduate of the University of North Dakota in 1988, with a degree in elementary education. Rick has worked at Four Winds Community School for 33 years. He has taught in the elementary and middle school programs. The past 19 years Rick has been the athletic director at Four Winds. Rick was named District 7 Athletic Director of the Year in 2005 and 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022 and Region 4 "Athletic Director of the Year" in 2005. Rick has been head coach of the Four Winds boy's basketball program for 23 years. (1993-1998, 2000-2003, 2005-2008, 2012-2022). Rick was named district coach of the year in 1996, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. Region 4 coach of the year in 2006 & 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and State Class B coach of the year in 2006, 2016, 2020 & 2021. Rick has coached in 10 state tournaments (2006, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022). Winning the state championship in 2016. Career coaching record of 431 & 124. Rick has also coached in the football program in the high school and in the elementary levels. Rick enjoys working with the student/athletes at all levels, whether it be directing summer youth camps or youth intramural programs at Four Winds Community School.

DATE OPPONENT SCORE

12-11-21	Dickinson Trinity High School	W 56-35
12-14-21	Center-Stanton HS	W 73-35
12-18-21	Bishop Ryan High School	L 57-64
12-28-21	Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	W 54-27
12-29-21	St. John High School	W 46-32
01-01-22	Kindred High School	L 37-52
01-07-22	Oak Grove High School	W 74-50
01-08-22	Rapid City Christian	W 53-52
01-14-22	Beulah High School	W 76-68
01-17-22	Hazen High School	W 73-54
01-18-22	Solen High School	W 80-35
01-20-22	Max High School	W 89-47
01-22-22	Garrison High School	W 74-61
01-29-22	Rugby High School	W 74-45
02-01-22	Central McLean Cougars	W 66-40
02-05-22	Washburn High School	W 78-40
02-08-22	Des Lacs-Burlington HS	W 71-31
02-11-22	Flasher	W 55-47
02-15-22	New Salem-Almont High School	W 74-52
02-19-22	Four Winds/Minnewaukan	L 55-75
02-25-22	Standing Rock Community High School	W 78-73
02-26-22	Wilton-Wing	L 48-62
03-01-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 5 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	Washburn High School	W 74-32
03-08-22	Garrison High School	W 63-53
03-10-22	Wilton-Wing	W 64-48
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	
03-17-22	Bishop Ryan High School	

School Information

Superintendent: Todd Benson
Principal: Ian Grande
Athletic Director: Dana Jacobson
Coach: Brad Miller
Asst. Coach: Kiton Ademeso
Asst. Coach: Clint Miller
Asst. Coach: Steve Pfaff
School Song: Mighty Oregon
School Colors: Navy, Gold
School Mascot: Skyhawks



Brad Miller

Brad Miller is in his Sixth season as head coach of the Shiloh Christian Skyhawks. As head coach, Brad has led the Skyhawks to 5 State tournament appearances & their first ever trip to the state championship game in 2019 in which the Skyhawks took 2nd. Brad spent 21 years with Shiloh Skyhawks boys basketball program as the assistant coach before becoming the head coach in 2016.

Outside basketball, Brad manages a construction company, and enjoys spending time with his wife (Kathy), four children [Josh, Kylie (Tony), Toni (Julio), Clint (Courtney)], & his nine grandchildren [John (20), Katie (19), Jeanine (18), Maddie (15), Bradley (5), Emilia (3), Brody (2), Julio JR (2), Ezra (1)].

REGION 5



Back (L to R): Clint Miller, Steve Pfaff, Eliot Huntington, Will Wilkinson, Isaac Haringer, Jay Wanzek, Carter Englund, MaBahi Baker, Kohl Blotske, Atticus Wilinon, Kiton Ademeso, Brad Miller
Front (L to R): Alana Winandy, Joey Desir, Wyatt Westin, Michael Fagerland, Carter Seifert, Eli Thompson, Caden Englund, Isaac Emmel, Kyler Klein, Ethan Gerving

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
1	Kohl	Blotske	12	Guard	6'1"
2	Eli	Thompson	10	Guard	5'8"
3	MaBahi	Baker	12	Guard	5'11"
4	Michael	Fagerland	10	Guard	5'9"
5	Caden	Englund	9	Guard	6'0"
10	Joseph	Desir	11	Guard	5'11"
11	Isaac	Emmel	10	Guard	5'11"
12	Isaac	Haringer	12	Forward	6'5"
13	Wyatt	Westin	9	Guard	6'0"
15	Eliot	Huntington	12	Guard	6'2"
21	Carter	Englund	12	Forward	6'7"
23	Carter	Seifert	10	Forward	6'0"
30	Kyler	Klein	11	Guard	5'11"
31	William	Wilkinson	12	Guard	6'4"
32	Atticus	Wilkinson	10	Center	6'5"
34	Joseph	Wanzek	11	Center	6'6"



BISHOP RYAN LIONS

REGION 6



Back (L to R): Conner Thompson, Blake Kaylor, Macksen Shean, Christian Lormejuste, Connor Reindel, Jacob Fricke, Ian Johnson, Samuel Reindel, Ramsey Walz, Mikel Green, Hayden Seay
Front (L to R): Boden Erck, Logan Wentz, Brett McKay, Jett Lundeen, Carson Merck, Brady Feller, Josh Will, Colton Feller

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
1	Carson	Merck	11	Guard	5'11"
2	Logan	Wentz	12	Forward	5'11"
3	Brady	Feller	11	Guard	6'3"
4	Hayden	Seay	8	Guard	5'2"
5	Macksen	Shean	9	Forward	6'2"
10	Christian	Lormejuste	11	Forward	6'3"
11	Ian	Johnson	11	Forward, Guard	6'4"
15	Colton	Feller	9	Guard	5'8"
20	Samuel	Reindel	8	Center	6'5"
21	Boden	Erck	9	Guard	5'6"
22	Brett	McKay	11	Forward	6'0"
23	Joshua	Will	12	Center, Forward	6'3"
24	Jacob	Fricke	12	Center	6'5"
30	Jace	Schwan	9	Guard	5'8"
31	Jett	Lundeen	9	Guard	5'11"
33	Connor	Reindel	11	Forward, Center	6'4"
35	Mikel	Green	11	Guard	5'9"
40	Blake	Kaylor	10	Forward	5'11"
42	Ramsey	Walz	9	Forward	6'5"

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12-10-21	Hazen High School	L 77-80
12-18-21	Shiloh Christian High School	W 64-57
12-29-21	Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	W 60-38
01-03-22	Dunseith High School	W 76-64
01-04-22	Kenmare High School	W 53-26
01-07-22	Stanley High School	L 65-77
01-11-22	Velva High School	L 47-53
01-14-22	Lewis & Clark High School - Berthold	W 71-54
01-15-22	Bottineau High School	W 52-50
01-17-22	Des Lacs-Burlington HS	W 61-48
01-20-22	Surrey Mustangs	W 73-61
01-25-22	Glenburn High School	W 67-30
01-28-22	South Prairie High School	W 59-35
02-01-22	Our Redeemer's High School	L 43-55
02-03-22	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School	W 57-47
02-05-22	Dickinson Trinity High School	W 51-49
02-08-22	Westhope/Newburg	L 53-64
02-15-22	Rugby High School	W 52-39
02-17-22	Beulah High School	L 43-53
02-25-22	Class B, District 12 Boys Basketball Tournament	
02-25-22	Glenburn High School	W 64-26
02-26-22	Our Redeemer's High School	W 71-44
02-28-22	Surrey Mustangs	W 63-49
03-07-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 6 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	TGU Titans	W 63-34
03-10-22	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School	W 67-60
03-11-22	Velva High School	W 59-43
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	
03-17-22	Shiloh Christian High School	

School Information

Superintendent: Fr. Jady Nelson

Principal(s): Chase Lee, Tanya Steckler

Athletic Director: Roger Coleman

Coach: Broderick Bosch

Assistant Coaches: Nick Theis,

Kyle Gerding, Ben Bolinske

School Song: Notre Dame Victory March

School Colors: Purple, White

School Mascot: Lions



Brody Bosch

Broderick Bosch born in Minot, ND. After graduating from Bishop Ryan in 2014, Broderick began his coaching career for multiple JH teams at BR including football, baseball, and basketball. In 2016 Bosch moved up to an assistant position for the Lions under Brock Teets and then Jeremy Feller. In 2018-2019 Bosch accepted his first Head coaching position for the ORCS Knights in Minot. The Knights finished runner up in the Region both years. Bosch then accepted the head job at Ryan in 2020. Last year the Lion took 2nd in the District 12 Tournament and lost in the semi-finals in the Region Tournament. Awards – Bosch D12 Region 6 COY Brady Feller All District 12 All region 6 teams. Scored 1000th point in regular season finale. Ian Johnson All District 12 team. BRCS/St.Leo's Tournament appearances 1937, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019

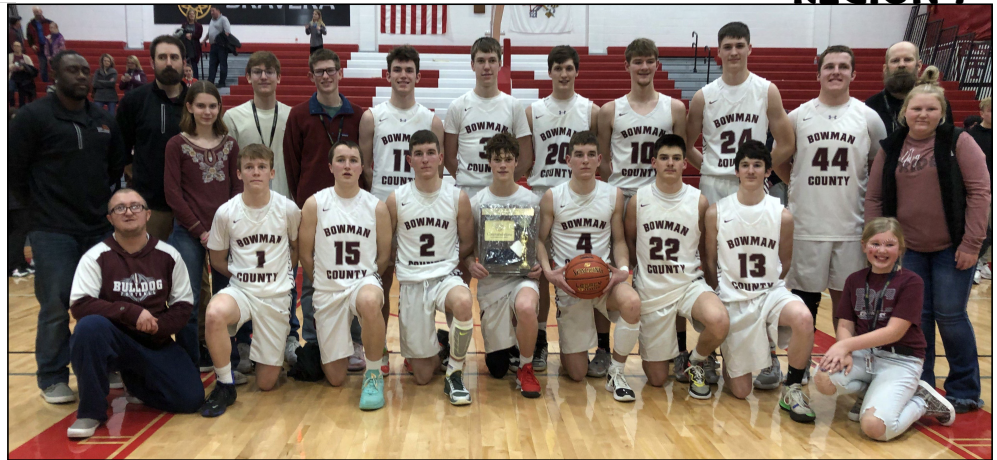


BOWMAN COUNTY BULLDOGS

DATE OPPONENT SCORE

12-10-21	Baker High School	W 71-51
12-14-21	Hettinger/Scranton	W 77-41
12-14-21	Roughrider Tournament	
12-16-21	Beach High School	W 57-51
12-18-21	Dickinson Trinity High School	W 55-42
01-06-22	Killdeer	W 86-67
01-08-22	Hazen High School	L 63-70
01-11-22	Lemmon	W 72-62
01-13-22	New England High School	W 76-44
01-15-22	Stanley High School	W 69-60
01-18-22	Harding County	W 77-64
01-21-22	Grant County/Mott-Regent	W 77-57
01-22-22	Belle Fourche	W 72-71
01-25-22	Glen Ullin/Hebron	W 69-61
01-27-22	Baker High School	W 62-55
01-28-22	Flasher	L 67-71
02-01-22	Dickinson Trinity High School	L 44-52
02-04-22	Richardton-Taylor High School	W 93-30
02-12-22	Beulah High School	L 52-85
02-15-22	Hettinger/Scranton	W 74-46
02-17-22	Beach High School	W 72-58
02-25-22	Heart River	L 67-69
03-01-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 7 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	Grant County/Mott-Regent	W 71-55
03-08-22	Beulah High School	W 65-54
03-10-22	Hazen High School	W 73-49
03-17-22	Kindred High School	
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	

REGION 7



Front (L to R): Zach Doll, Kyler Paulson, Gavin Lambourn, Bohden Duffield, Aidan Thompson, Bishop Duffield, Sam Andrews, TJ Andrews, Tenley Walker
Back (L to R): Mike Criswell, Erik Egan, Abi Andrews, Nate Dix, Gavin Scott, Roman Fossum, Kirklan Meschke, Teigen Marmon, Carson Massey, Coy Marmon, Grant Kees, Nick Walker and Emma Welch

School Information

Superintendent: Wayne Heckaman

Principal: Tyler Senn

Athletic Director: Tyler Senn

Coach: Nick Walker

Assistant Coaches: Mike Criswell, Erick Egan

Stat: Tenley Walker

Student Manager(s): Zachary Doll, Abigail Andrews

Student Statistician: Emma Welch

School Song: On Wisconsin

School Colors: Maroon, White

School Mascot: Bulldogs

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
1	Kyler	Paulson	10	Guard	5'6"
2	Bohden	Duffield	10	Guard	5'11"
3	Kirklan	Meschke	10	Forward	6'0"
4	Bishop	Duffield	10	Guard	5'11"
5	Gavin	Scott	12	Guard	5'11"
10	Carson	Massey	12	Forward	6'2"
11	Roman	Fossum	10	Forward	5'10"
12	Nathan	Dix	10	Guard	5'9"
13	Trevor	Andrews	9	Guard	5'10"
14	Aidan	Thompson	10	Guard	5'10"
15	Gavin	Lambourn	10	Guard	5'9"
20	Teigen	Marmon	12	Guard	6'1"
22	Samuel	Andrews	11	Guard	5'10"
24	Coy	Marmon	10	Forward	6'4"
44	Grant	Kees	11	Forward	5'10"



Nick Walker

Nick Walker is in his 4th season as head coach of the Bowman County Boys and 18th season coaching basketball overall. He has a record 68 and 23 in his 4 years as a head coach at Bowman County and has an overall record as a head coach 114- 48 as both a boys and girls head coach. Nick is also the head football coach at Bowman County Schools and they made the state semi-finals this fall for only the second time in school history. In his spare time, Nick enjoys being with his family, hunting and cheering for the Green Bay Packers. Nick is married to his wife (Nicole) and has two daughters, Mickellyn (14) and Tenley (10).



STANLEY BLUEJAYS

REGION 8



Back (L to R): Ethyn Jessen, Casyn Bieri, Clay Pappa, Mason McPeak, Colt Nohr, Tyler Gjellstad, Drake Schlosser.

Front (L to R): Josh Hetzel, Cal Sorenson, Tristen Barstad, Jack Hynek, Laramie Smith, Tucker Gorder, Carter Ruden

No.	FIRST	LAST	GRADE	POSITION	HEIGHT
0	Drake	Schlosser	9	Guard	5'11"
1	Trystan	Johnson	12	Guard	5'10"
2	Cal	Sorenson	11	Guard	5'11"
3	Tyler	Gjellstad	10	Guard	5'8"
4	Mason	McPeak	9	Guard	5'8"
5	Josh	Hetzel	10	Guard	5'11"
10	Tucker	Gorder	11	Forward	6'2"
11	Clay	Pappa	9	Guard	5'11"
20	Jackson	Hynek	10	Forward	6'2"
21	Carter	Ruden	11	Center, Forward	6'2"
23	Tristen	Barstad	10	Forward	6'4"
24	Laramie	Smith	11	Center	6'4"
32	Dawson	Anderson	12	Guard	5'8"
35	Porter	Sorensen	10	Center	6'4"

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12-10-21	Des Lacs-Burlington HS	W 62-42
12-13-21	Stanley Lions Tournament	
12-13-21	Bowbells/Burke Central	W 68-34
12-16-21	Lewis & Clark High School - Berthold	W 62-40
12-17-21	Powers Lake High School	L 62-63
12-29-21	TGU Titans	W 50-39
01-04-22	Tioga High School	W 72-43
01-06-22	Our Redeemer's High School	W 53-47
01-07-22	Bishop Ryan High School	W 77-65
01-11-22	Lewis & Clark High School - Berthold	W 84-48
01-14-22	Bowbells/Burke Central	W 59-24
01-15-22	Bowman County High School	L 60-69
01-25-22	Divide County High School	W 50-27
01-28-22	Powers Lake High School	L 43-46
01-31-22	Killdeer	W 60-50
02-01-22	Ray High School	W 62-23
02-07-22	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School	L 53-55
02-08-22	New Town High School	W 68-36
02-10-22	South Prairie High School	L 44-47
02-15-22	Kenmare High School	W 59-57
02-25-22	Class B, District 16 Boys Basketball Tournament	
02-25-22	Bowbells/Burke Central	W 72-34
02-26-22	Kenmare High School	W 47-45
02-28-22	Powers Lake High School	L 47-69
03-07-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B, Region 8 Boys Basketball Tournament	
03-07-22	Parshall High School	W 55-44
03-10-22	Divide County High School	W 49-39
03-11-22	Powers Lake High School	W 55-43
03-17-22	2022 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament	
03-17-22	Four Winds/Minnewaukan	

School Information

Superintendent: Tim Holte

Principal: Alecia Pulver

Athletic Director: Beth Dean

Coach: Kory Anderson

Assistant Coaches: Shane Aadnes, Gary Schell

Junior High Coaches: Brent Danks, Uriel Torres

Student Manager: Colter Meiers

School Song: Across the Field

School Colors: Blue, White

School Mascot: Blue Jays



Kory Anderson

Coach Anderson was born and raised in Moses Lake, Washington, where he graduated in 2001. He then went on a religious mission for two years in Mexico. After returning, he went to school at Minot State University, where he played football and received his master's degree in special education. While attending Minot State, he met the love of his life, Erin, who is originally from Williston. Coach Anderson and his wife now have three children: Mya, Eva, and Kai.

CHEERLEADERS



STANLEY BLUEJAYS



Front (L to R): Madilyn Hunting, Harmoni Christopher, Penny Walter, Mackenzie Ranum, Autumn Pulver, Damia Baldwin, Avery Ellis

Middle (L to R): Ruth McLaughlin, Laney Jackson, Maddelyn Huddleson, Brooklyn Weyrauch, Brooklynn Peters, Rylee Littlecreek, Kaitlyn Tronset, Lizzie Nelson

Back (L to R): Trinity Bruhn, Hailyn Jenkins, Kelsee Ottensen, Valentina Herrera, Brooklynn Upchurch, Deseria Valdez, Valentina Anthony, Marley Hoaby



BISHOP RYAN LIONS



Top (L to R): Madasyn Feller, Kirstin Brunner, Annyka Anderson, Coach McKenna Schmitz

Bottom (L to R): Annika Henjum, Cassie Feller, Slestia Walkup, Miyah Harvey

Congratulations 2022 SENIOR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS

REGION 1

Joe Hulbert - Enderlin

REGION 2

Gannon Limke - Hillsboro/Central Valley

REGION 3

Scott Wagner - Ellendale

REGION 4

Jayden Yankton - Four Winds - Minnewauken

REGION 5

Jace Friesz - Flasher

REGION 6

Zach Hendrickson - Our Redeemer's

REGION 7

Trey Brandt - Beulah

REGION 8

Jace Nelson - Ray

CLASS B BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (1933-PRESENT)

1933	Fairmount 32, Cando 30 (OT)	1978	Larimore 72, Belfield 57
1934	Grafton 25, Svea 22	1979	Sargent Central 65, Halliday 60
1935	Aneta 27, Minot Model 20	1980	New Town 59, Berthold 50
1936	Lakota 27, Maddock 22	1981	Hillsboro 80, Edmore 53
1937	Grafton 35, Underwood 23	1982	Divide County 39, Edmore 35
1938	Minot St. Leo's 32, Stanley 27	1983	Hettinger 53, Mayville-Portland 41
1939	Minot St. Leo's 36, Larimore 32	1984	Linton 81, Newburg 62
1940	Rugby 25, Mayville 17	1985	Linton 72, Newburg 70
1941	Rugby 39, Bismarck St. Mary's 29	1986	Newburg 94, Belfield 77
1942	Elbowoods	1987	Mayville-Portland 72, Linton 61
1943	Minot St. Leo's 40, Bismarck St. Mary's 31	1988	Edinburg 64, Divide County 55
1944	Mayville 48, Kenmare 41	1989	Bisbee-Egeland 78, Newburg 73
1945	Ellendale 44, Elbowoods 30	1990	Edgeley 78, Dunseith 75
1946	Mayville 41, Ellendale 31	1991	Watford City 65, Munich 64
1947	Minot Model 68, New Salem 50	1992	Munich 70, Leeds-Wolford 65
1948	Minot Model 51, Rugby 28	1993	Central Valley 71, Des Lacs Burlington 62
1949	Lisbon 54, Oak Grove 43	1994	Bishop Ryan 76, Dakota Prairie 64
1950	Minot Model 42, Kenmare 40	1995	Carrington 41, Grenora 30
1951	Lisbon 56, Rugby 45	1996	Mayville-Portland 49, Beulah 48
1952	Minot Model 62, Rugby 45	1997	Mayville-Portland-CG 69, Glenburn 53
1953	Minot Model 51, Garrison 47	1998	Standing Rock 59, Leeds 50
1954	Leeds 54, Oak Grove 40	1999	Leeds 54, Dickinson Trinity 53
1955	Casselton 50, Sherwood 40 (OT)	2000	Oak Grove 53, Bishop Ryan 38
1956	Fort Yates 54, St. Thomas 52	2001	North Border 74, Cando 65
1957	Hettinger 71, Fort Yates 55	2002	Mayville-Portland-CG 35, Berthold 33
1958	Kulm 50, Underwood 49	2003	Mayville-Portland-CG 54, Dickinson Trinity 43
1959	Bottineau 55, Lansford 41	2004	Dickinson Trinity 47, Milnor 26
1960	Rolla 69, Bottineau 50	2005	New Rockford-Sheyenne 67, Bottineau 65 (20T)
1961	Mott 77, Hazelton 54	2006	Dickinson Trinity 34, Mayville-Portland-GC 32
1962	Mott 58, New England St. Mary's 42	2007	Parshall 49, Dickinson Trinity 36
1963	Kenmare 54, New Town 48	2008	Grafton 53, Turtle Lake/Mercer 42
1964	Fort Yates 44, Kenmare 41	2009	Linton 82, Dakota Prairie 63
1965	Kenmare 50, Maddock-Benson County 31	2010	Carrington 65, Berthold 59
1966	Kenmare 69, Milnor 41	2011	North Star 63, Grafton 55
1967	Ellendale 63, Kenmare 49	2012	Beulah 51, North Star 49
1968	Casselton 96, Wolford 77	2013	Milnor 67, Four Winds/Minnewaukan 60
1969	Oak Grove 48, Hebron 44	2014	Oak Grove 68, Rugby 58 (OT)
1970	New England St. Mary's 54, Belcourt 53	2015	Rugby 54, Four Winds/Minnewaukan 40
1971	Wyndmere 70, New England St. Mary's 69	2016	Four Winds/Minnewaukan 77, Our Redeemer's 65
1972	Mayville-Portland 66, Berthold 62	2017	Hillsboro/Central Valley 63, Four Winds/Minnewaukan 60
1973	Hillsboro 74, Parshall 53	2018	Hillsboro/Central Valley 73, Bishop Ryan 71 (OT)
1974	Hillsboro 65, Minto 52	2019	Thompson 57, Shiloh Christian 47 (OT)
1975	Parshall 54, Larimore 48	2020	Championship cancelled due to Covid-19
1976	LaMoure 86, New Town 61	2021	Kindred 40, Edgley/Kulm/Montpelier 34
1977	Hillsboro 56, Epping 52		

CLASS B BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM APPEARANCES (1933-PRESENT)

Alamo - 1942	Finley - 1964
Anamoose - 1959, 1982	Flasher - 2005, 2014
Aneta - 1935	Four Winds - 2006-07
Ashley - 1943, 1954-56, 1971-72	Four Winds/Minnewaukan - 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022
Assumption Abbey - 1942	Fullerton - 1975
Barnes County North - 2007	Gackle Streeter - 1993
Beach - 1946, 1952-54, 1958-59, 1963	Garrison - 1953, 1976, 1993
Belcourt - 1970-71	Glen Ullin - 1984, 1987-88
Belfield - 1978, 1980, 1986	Glenburn - 1962, 1973, 1996-97
Berthold - 1969, 1972, 1979-80, 2002, 2009-10, 2012	Glenfield-Sutton-McHenry - 1980-81
Beulah - 1938, 1949, 1951-52, 1970, 1984, 1989, 1996-98, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020	Grafton - 1933-34, 1937, 2008, 2011-12, 2016, 2021, 2022
Bisbee-Egeland - 1989	Grenora - 1983, 1995
Bishop Ryan - 2017, 2018, 2019	Halliday - 1964, 1967, 1979, 1994-95
Bishop Ryan/St. Leo's - 1937-39, 1942-43, 1994, 1999-2000, 2004, 2006-08, 2011, 2017-2019, 2022	Hankinson - 1952, 1988, 2007
Bottineau - 1952, 1958-60, 1993, 1998, 2005	Hannah - 1945
Bowman - 1938, 1940, 1981, 2009, 2022	Harvey - 1944, 1953, 1957
Cando - 1933, 1954, 1979, 2001	Havana - 1943
Carrington - 1958-59, 1962, 1986, 1988, 1995, 2010, 2018	Hazelton - 1960-61
Carson - 1933, 1937	Hazen - 1985
Cass Valley North - 1989	Hebron - 1969
Casselton/Central Cass - 1954-55, 1965, 1968, 1991, 1997, 2005, 2012	Hettinger - 1934, 1943, 1945-46, 1951, 1957-58, 1983, 1994
Cavalier - 1941, 1990, 2004, 2010, 2013-14	Hillsboro - 1962, 1968, 1971, 1973-74, 1977, 1980-81, 1984, 1986, 1988-89, 1992, 1999
Center - 1982, 1999-00	Hillsboro/Central Valley - 2017, 2018, 2020
Central Cass - 1991, 1997, 2005, 2012	Hoople - 1943, 1946, 1949-50
Central Valley - 1993	Hunter - 1956
Columbus - 1951, 1970	Jud - 1969-70
Cooperstown - 1963, 1966	Karlsruhe - 1979, 1985
Crary - 1967	Kenmare - 1940, 1944-47, 1950, 1952, 1961, 1963-68, 1988, 2016
Dakota Prairie-Tolna - 1994, 2009	Killdeer - 1945, 1953
Des Lacs-Burlington - 1978, 1982, 1992-93, 1998	Kindred - 1962, 1974, 1983-84, 2002-03, 2021, 2022
Dickinson Trinity - 1999, 2001-07, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2021	Kulm - 1957-58
Divide County - 1982, 1987-88, 2005, 2012	Lakota - 1936, 1938, 1975-76
Drayton - 1962, 1964, 1975	LaMoure - 1976, 1992, 2008
Dunseith - 1972, 1987, 1990, 1994	LaMoure/Litchville-Marion - 2013, 2015, 2022
Edgeley - 1961, 1973, 1989-90	Langdon - 1939-40, 1951, 1966-68, 1985-86, 1996
Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier - 2020, 2021	Lankin-Adams - 1984
Edinburg - 1988	Lansford - 1936-37, 1943, 1955-56, 1959-60
Edmore - 1969, 1980-82	Larimore - 1934, 1939, 1947-49, 1975, 1978, 1979
Elbowoods - 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1951	Leeds - 1954, 1987, 1991, 1998-99
Elgin - 1950, 1992	Leeds-Wolford - 1992-93, 1997
Ellendale - 1945, 1946, 1958-60, 1967, 1985, 2017, 2019	Lehr - 1967, 1975
Enderlin - 1937-38, 1951, 1956, 1959, 1977, 1990, 1996	Lidgerwood - 1963
Epping - 1977	Linton - 1934-35, 1948, 1950 1964-66, 1979-80, 1984-85, 1987, 1994, 2003-05, 2009, 2011
Fairmount - 1933, 1937-38, 1973, 1982	Linton-HMB - 2012, 2014
Fargo Oak Grove - 1949, 1954, 1957, 1969, 1986, 2000-01, 2010-11, 2014-15, 2017	Lisbon - 1948-53, 1998-99, 2008
Fargo Sacred Heart/Shanley - 1942	Litchville - 1991
Fessenden - 1939, 1947, 1949, 1966, 1972	Litchville-Marion-Montpelier - 1995, 1997, 1999-00
	Maddock-Benson County - 1933, 1935-36, 1942-43, 1963-65
	Mandaree - 1999, 2002, 2010

CLASS B BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM APPEARANCES, CONT.

Max - 1933, 1960, 1974	Rollette - 1973
May-Port-CG - 1995-98, 2002-03, 2005-06, 2015	Rugby - 1940-41, 1945-46, 1948, 1950-53, 1997, 2013-15, 2020, 2021
Mayville - 1940, 1941, 1944-46, 1948	Sanborn - 1940
Mayville-Portland - 1972, 1983, 1987	Sargent Central - 1960, 1964, 1978-79, 1993
McClusky - 1974	Scranton - 2000
McHenry - 1968	Sentinal Butte - 1934
McVille - 1955, 1982	Sherwood - 1954-55
Medina - 1981	Sheyenne-Minnewaukan - 2000
Michigan - 1973	Shiloh Christian, Bismarck - 1996, 1998, 2003-04, 2006-07, 2010, 2012-13, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Milnor - 1966, 1981, 2004, 2013	South Heart - 1977
Minnewaukan - 1976-77, 1990	St. Catherines (Valley City) - 1965
Minot Model - 1934-36, 1944, 1947-50, 1952-53, 1957-58	St. John - 2018
Minot Our Redeemer's - 2016	St. Mary's Bismark - 1938-41, 1943
Minto - 1974	St. Mary's Devils Lake - 1956
Mohall - 1933, 1941, 1971-72, 1974-75	St. Mary's New England - 1962, 1965-68, 1970-71
Mott/Mott-Regent - 1936, 1941, 1944, 1961-62, 1975-76, 1979, 2008	St. Thomas - 1956-57
Munich - 1970, 1977, 1983, 1991, 1992, 1995	Standing Rock (Ft. Yates) - 1955-57, 1959-60, 1963-64, 1989, 1993, 1998, 2002, 2011
Napoleon - 1992	Stanley - 1938, 2017, 2018, 2022
New England - 1942, 1985, 1996, 2015	Starkweather - 1987
New England-Regent - 1997	Steele-Dawson - 1982-83, 1986, 1991, 2010
New Leipzig - 1939, 1972	Strasburg - 1988, 2002
New Rockford - 1961, 1963, 1971, 1978, 2003	Strasburg/Zeeland - 2016
New Rockford-Sheyenne - 2004, 2019	Surrey - 1983, 2001
New Salem - 1933, 1939, 1944, 1947, 1949	Svea - 1934
New Town - 1954, 1961-63, 1969, 1976, 1978, 1980-81, 2011, 2014, 2020	Taylor - 1935-37
Newburg - 1984-86, 1989	Thompson - 2019
North Border - 2001, 2007	Tolna - 1985
North Sargent - 2009	Towner - 1983-84
North Star - 2009, 2011-12, 2014	Trenton - 2004, 2013
Northern Cass - 2016	Trinity Christian - 2001, 2003
Northwood - 1936, 1950, 1967, 1969-70, 1990	Turtle Lake-Mercer - 1977, 2008-09
Oakes - 1970, 1972, 1980, 1994-95	Turtle Lake-Mercer/McClusky - 2017
Oberon - 1941	Underwood - 1937, 1940-41, 1957-58, 1968
Osnabrock - 1965	Valley - 1978
Our Redeemer's (Minot) - 2016	Valley-St. Thomas - 1994
Page - 1987	Warwick - 1989, 1996
Park River Park River (Walsh County) - 1935, 2000	Washburn - 1936, 1956
Parshall - 1965-66, 1971, 1973, 1975, 2006-07, 2015	Watford City - 1947, 1986, 1991-92, 2000, 2008-09
Pembina - 1944, 1955	Wells County - 2002
Pingree-Buchanan-Kensal - 2006	West Fargo - 1953
Portal - 1934	Westhope-Souris - 1981, 1991
Portland - 1955, 1961	Westhope/Newburg - 2003
Powers Lake - 1939, 2019, 2021	Williston - 1935
Ray - 1990	Wilton - 2001
Reeder - 1935, 1990-91	Wing - 1977-78
Rhame - 1995	Wing/Tuttle-Pettibone-Rob. - 2001
Richardton - 1973-74	Wolford - 1968-69
Richland - 2006, 2019, 2020	Wyndmere - 1971
Robinson - 1976	Wyndmere/Lidgerwood - 2018
Rock Lake - 1961	Zeeland - 1974
Rolla - 1948, 1960, 1976	

Individual One Game Efforts

Gary Bakken, Cooperstown	49 points , 1966 Consolation Play vs. New England St. Mary's
John Backhaus, Linton	46 points, 1966 Consolation Play vs. Cooperstown
Pat Brendel, Mohall	44 points, 1972 Semifinals vs. Berthold
Scott Guldseth, Edinburg	43 points, 1988 Semifinals vs. Hankinson
Jason Haagenson, Leeds	42 points, 1991 Consolation Play vs. Litchville
Wiley Bearstail, Mandaree	42 points (twice) 1999 Consolation Play vs. Lisbon & Hillsboro
Steve Hall, Berthold	42 points, 1980 Quarterfinals vs. Glenfield Sutton
Don Prouty, Washburn	41 points, 1956 Consolation Play vs. Hunter
Larry Linson, Rolette	41 points, 1973 Consolation Play vs. Fairmount
Brian Buhr, Page	41 points, 1987 Consolation Play vs. Leeds
Dave Neubauer, Sherwood	39 points, 1955 Semifinals vs. Fort Yates
Marv Bachmeier, Devils Lake St. Mary's	39 points, 1956 Quarterfinals vs. Hunter
George Kallenbach, Maddock	39 points, 1963 Quarterfinals vs. New Town
Marty McDonald, Munich	39 points, 1992 Championship Game vs. Leeds-Wolford
Scott Hanson, Dakota Prairie (Tolna)	39 points, 1994 Semifinals vs. Dunseith
Dave Neubauer, Sherwood	38 points, 1954 Consolation Play vs. Casselton
Jerry Pyle, Central Cass	38 points, 1968 Championship Game vs. Wolford
Vance Bowersox, Wolford	38 points, 1968 Championship Game vs. Central Cass
Bob Belquist, New Rockford	38 points, 1971 Consolation Play vs. Belcourt
Steve Dann, Cavalier	38 points, 1990 Quarterfinals vs. Enderlin
Steve Holen, Des Lacs-Burlington	38 points, 1993 Championship Game vs. Central Valley

Individual Three Game Efforts

Wiley Bearstail, Mandaree	109 points, 1999
Gary Bakken, Cooperstown	103 points, 1966
Jerry Pyle, Central Cass	102 points, 1968
Brian Buhr, Page	100 points, 1987
Steve Holen, Des Lacs-Burlington	97 points, 1993
John Rygg, Mayville-Portland	95 points, 1972
Lance Renville, Watford City	94 points, 1986
Scott Guldseth, Edinburg	91 points, 1988
Marty McDonald, Munich	91 points, 1991
Pat Brendel, Mohall	87 points, 1972
Chris Lamoureux, Newburg	87 points, 1985
Marv Bachmeier, Devils Lake St. Mary's	85 points, 1956
Doug Hanson, Northwood	85 points, 1970
Mike Attenburg, Belfield	85 points, 1978



**ND STATE
CLASS B BOYS
REUNION TEAMS**

1970 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – New England St. Mary's Saints

By the time the 1970s rolled around, the New England St. Mary's boys basketball team was a regular participant in the North Dakota High School Activities Association's Class B State Tournament. The Saints qualified in 1962, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968 and were back again in 1970 with a purpose.

Joining the Saints at the 1970 state tournament played at the Minot Auditorium were Beulah, Jud, Oakes, Northwood, Columbus, Munich and Belcourt.

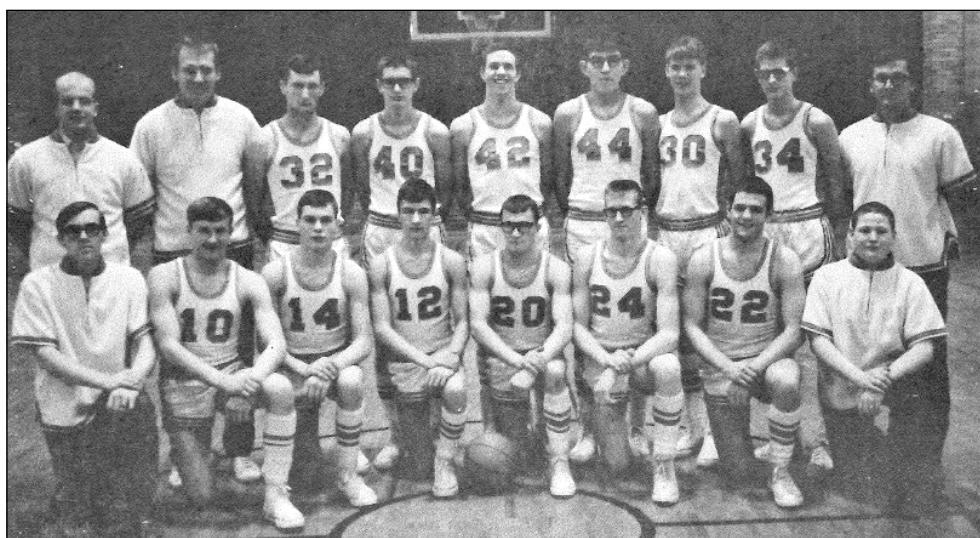
St. Mary's and Beulah opened the tournament's quarterfinal round. The Saints, coached by Dave Wolsky, built an early lead and hung on to defeat the Miners 66-51. St. Mary's senior forward Dick Ryan led all scorers with 22 points. Senior guard Les Schroeder and sophomore center Gerard Baker added 18 and 15 points, respectively for the Saints, who would advance to the state semifinals for the third time in six seasons.

In the semifinals, St. Mary's would meet Oakes, who had bested previously undefeated Jud in the quarterfinals. Schroeder paced the Saints with 35 points as St. Mary's topped the Tornadoes 74-61. The Saints were in their first Class B state title game since 1962.

Belcourt would be the Saints' opposition in the championship. The title game went down to the wire. In the final 30 seconds of play, Schroeder hit a 10-foot jump shot to tie the game and later got a free-throw to fall with seven seconds remaining to give the Saints a 54-53 come-from-behind win. Belcourt had taken an eight-point lead into the fourth quarter and led 45-35 with six minutes, 20 seconds left to play, but St. Mary's was able to chip away and ultimately overtake the Braves.

St. Mary's junior forward Larry Gardner led all scorers with 18 points giving the Saints three different leading scorers in their three games at the state tournament.

Following the championship game, Schroeder was named the state tournament's most valuable player. St. Mary's finished the season with a 24-3 record.



Front Row (L to R): Student Manager Ken Wyrick, Ken Dobitz, Ben Roller, Dale Heick, Les Schroeder, Peter Odermann, Rick Schmitz, Student Manager Tony Lemieux.

Back Row (L to R): Assistant Coach Chuck Koch, Head Coach Dave Wolsky, Larry Gardner, Dan Koppinger, Dick Ryan, Gerard Baker, Tom Fasching, Allen Koppinger, Assistant Coach Jim Schroeder.

1971 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – Wyndmere Warriors

The 1971 Wyndmere boys basketball team was consistent. Five Players – seniors David Reese, Paul Muehlberg, Brian Veit and Dale Sellner along with junior Ronald Becker – started all 27 games for the Warriors during the 1971 season. All 27 of those contests were wins for Wyndmere including the final game of the season – a 70-69 overtime win over defending Class B state champion New England St. Mary's in the 1971 NDHSAA Class B boys basketball state championship game.

The 1971 NDHSAA Class B boys basketball state tournament field was made up of Wyndmere, Ashley, Parshall, Hillsboro, Mohall, Belcourt, New England St. Mary's and New Rockford.

Wyndmere – undefeated, yet unranked heading into the state tournament – was riding the momentum of a 30-point defeat over Ellendale in the Region 1 championship game. The Warriors would meet Ashley in the quarterfinals and defeated the Aces 76-68 behind the efforts of Becker (26 points) and Reese (21 points).

The Warriors matched up with the Mohall Yellowjackets in the semifinals. Mohall had defeated No. 1-ranked Belcourt in the quarterfinals, but Wyndmere's combo of Becker and Reese struck again scoring 21 and 15 points respectively to lead the Warriors to a 58-55 win and a trip the title game.

In the championship against New England St. Mary's, the Warriors found themselves down nine points early in the fourth quarter, but a late comeback punctuated by a buzzer-beater jump shot made by Veit tied the game 67-67 and forced overtime. In overtime, Sellner hit a critical jump shot that ended up being the deciding bucket of the game.

Becker led the Warriors once again in scoring finishing the title game with 25 points and earned Tournament MVP honors. Becker and Reese were named to the All-Tournament team.



Back Row (L to R): Kyle Bailey, John Wolf, Dale Sellner, Paul Muehlberg, Brian Veit, Ronald Becker, Lowell Anderson, David Reese, Paul Haberman, Richard Becker, Gary Jordheim, Brian Muehlberg.

Front Row (L to R): Student Manager, Vaughan Griffin, Student Manager, Gary Tinjum, Assistant Coach, Wayne Benz, Head Coach, Doug Groth, Student Manager, William Sanden, Student Manager, John Danielson.

1972 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – Mayville-Portland Patriots

1972 NDHSAA Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament saw a lot of new faces in the enter the Minot Auditorium as Mohall and Ashley were the only teams to return from the 1971 state tournament. Joining the Yellowjackets and the Aces in the 1972 state tournament field were Mayville-Portland, Fessenden, Dunseith, Oakes, Berthold and New Leipzig.

The squad that stood victorious in Saturday's state title game – Mayville-Portland – was 18-6 entering the tournament that featured plenty of scoring. Seven players in the tournament averaged 20 points or more during the three games played at the Minot Auditorium, but no one eclipsed the individual efforts of Mayville-Portland's senior John Rygg.

Rygg average 31.7 points per game at the state tournament and helped power the Patriots to state championship.

Mayville-Portland opened with a 73-68 win over Ashley in the quarterfinals. Rygg scored a team-high 29 points and the Patriots also had three other players Jeff Hoplin, Rick Soholt and Jeff Strand score in double figures.

In the semifinals, Rygg poured in 34 points and was 13 of 19 from the field as the Patriots cruised to an 87-57 win over favored Oakes. Strand and Soholt combined for 29 points in the win over the Tornados that sent the Patriots to the state championship game.

Mayville-Portland would meet Berthold in the title game. Rygg once again led the Patriots' charge scoring a game-high 32 points. Mayville-Portland led by as many as 16 points late in the first half, but by the time the game entered the fourth quarter the Patriots held a 49-47 lead. Rygg scored the first six points of the fourth quarter restoring the Patriots' cushion to keep Berthold at bay the rest of the way with the final scoring being 66-62.

Rygg was named Tournament MVP and Patriots finished the season 21-6.



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1995 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – Carrington Cardinals

The 1995 Carrington Cardinals finished their championship season with a 26-1 overall record. The Cardinals opened up the season winning their first five games before picking up their only loss of the season at the Bismarck St. Mary's Holiday tournament where they suffered a 72-63 setback to the Class A Mandan Braves in the semifinals. The Cardinals finished the tournament beating St. Mary's, the host team for third place.

During the next twelve regular season games, several key district and regional matchups led to gymnasiums with standing room only crowds to watch Region 4 standouts battle on the court. Four Winds posed the toughest challenge in Carrington losing by a mere three points, 68-65. The last regular season game was highly anticipated as Dakota Prairie-Tolna traveled to Carrington. Jim Kleinsasser, Aaron Wick and Randy Habeck lead the scoring attack as the Cardinals prevailed 68-52. The Cardinals finished the regular season by posting a 17-1 record heading into district tournament play.

The Cardinals claimed the District 8 Championship in New Rockford by beating Pettibone-Robinson, Bowdon-Hurdsfield-Sykeston, and Harvey in the championship game 66-55. Four Cardinals – Kleinsasser, Habeck, Wick, and Rob March – were named to the All-District Team.

The No. 1-ranked Cardinals then took to the hardwood at Devils Lake looking to capture the Region 4 championship. Carrington's opening round opponent, New Rockford was no match as the Cardinals won 86-55. The semifinal matchup with Minnewaukan-Sheyenne stayed close for half the game, but a dominant second half put the Cardinals in the championship game by a 65-45 margin. The Cardinals then faced off against a District 8 foe, the Harvey Hornets for the third time of the season. Another close game for a half, but once again the Cardinals put together an impressive second half to win 75-59. All-Region performers included Kleinsasser and Habeck.

The Cardinals faced the Oakes Tornadoes in the State Tournament opener at the Minot Dome. It was a slow start for Carrington, but they put together an impressive second and fourth quarter to secure an 80-62 first-round win. Five Cardinal players scored in double figures.

The semifinal match-up ended up being the best game of the tournament. The young, athletic team from May-Port-C-G played very well in a closely-contested game. Late in the game, Habeck stole the ball from a Patriots player as they attempted to stall for the last shot. He was fouled while attempting to score the game-winning layup. Habeck proceeded to make both free throws to clinch a 54-52 victory. The Cardinals finished the night going 15 of 16 from the free-throw line.

In the championship game against Grenora, the Cardinals jumped out to an 11-3 first quarter lead and never looked back as they lead the game at all quarter stops. The final score of 41-30 represented a hard-nosed defensive effort by both squads. Jim Kleinsasser was voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Randy Habeck was also selected to the all-tournament team.



Front Row (L to R): Karen (Keys) Roeske, Megan (Carr) Zook, Miranda Robinson Grayson, Melissa (Gussiaas) Van Nevel, Kerri (Short) Whipple, Eva Anderson Ford, Rebecca (Metzger) Driedger, Shana Rufsvold Flath

Middle Row (L to R): Trent Leapaltdt, Doug Wick, Trevor Wick, Clay Larson, Travis Leapaltdt, Brian Lura

Back Row (L to R): Head Coach Jim Jeske, Randy Habeck, Scott Gust, Rob March, Aaron Wick, Jim Kleinsasser, Larry Larson, Regan Miller, Assistant Coach Andy Braaten

1996 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – May-Port-CG Patriots

The Mayville-Portland-CG boys basketball team learned a lot from its appearance at the 1995 NDHSAA Class B state tournament. A 54-52 loss to eventual state champions Carrington in the semifinals was a heartbreaker, but it also put the state on notice that the Patriots had a team that could make noise in 1996.

Not only did May-Port-CG make noise, the Patriots took the next as a program – winning a state championship.

Anchored by solid, steady play from seniors Darren Klabo and Jeremy Macejkovic the Patriots were able to continue the development of its younger core of players – juniors Matt Swift, Andrew LeClair and Tom Jacobson; sophomore Chuck Klabo and freshman Travis Kraft.

By the time March rolled around, May-Port-CG was ready to make a run. The Postseason wasn't without challenges, however. The Patriots lost to Hillsboro 39-34 in the District 3 championship game, but recovered nicely at the Region 2 tournament defeating St. Thomas/Valley 56-40 in the championship game to return to the state tournament.

At state, the Patriots cruised to a 66-34 win over Enderlin in the quarterfinals and followed up with a 55-50 win over Langdon in the semifinals. Del Kessler's squad was back in the state championship game for the first time since 1987.

Waiting for the Patriots in the title game was Beulah. The Patriots trailed 41-37 entering the fourth quarter, but some clutch shooting from the perimeter would get May-Port-CG back on track. Swift hit a big 3-pointer to tie the game 44-44 and Kraft sent the Bismarck Civic Center into a frenzy when he hit a 3-pointer to give the Patriots a 47-44 advantage. Swift made another jump shot field goal to extend the lead to 49-44, but the Miners proved to be a tough out and had two chances late to go for the win thanks to the Patriots missing some late free throws.

With under 10 seconds to play, Beulah's second attempt to make the game-winner failed as Beulah's Jayden Olson drove into the lane and had his shot blocked by LeClair.

The buzzer sounded and the Patriots celebrated a state championship by the final score of 49-48. With a young core of players that were key contributors on the 1996 squad, thoughts already started to gravitate toward whether May-Port-CG could have the makings of repeat the following season.

Following the championship game, Schroeder was named the state tournament's most valuable player. St. Mary's finished the season with a 24-3 record.



Back Row (L to R): Brian Halvorson, Matt Swift, Jeremy Macejkovic, Travis Kraft, Reggie Soholt, Chuck Klabo, Nick Erickson, Darin Havelange, James Aarsvold, Andrew LeClair, Scott Thompson, Tom Jacobson, Darren Klabo, Steve Gerszewski, Andy Strand

Middle Row (L to R): Wade Garrett, John Lyng, Chris Brieland, Asst Coach Merle Strand, Head Coach Del Kessler, Assistant Coach Wayne Trudeau, Asst. Coach Jason Hanson, Stephanie Moore, Monica Ellingson

Front Row (L to R): Sally Bakken, Tara Kessler, Michelle Granrud, Heather Kessler, Lindsay Beck

1997 Class B Boys Basketball State Champions – May-Port-CG Patriots

The Mayville-Portland-CG boys basketball team made it back to the Class B State Tournament in 1997 with the intent to defend its state championship won in 1996.

The Patriots were built to do just that as its starting five of Andrew LeClair (Sr.), Chuck Klabo (Jr.), Tom Jacobson (Sr.), Matt Swift (Sr.) and Travis Kraft (Soph.) all were contributors to the 1996 squad.

Expectations were high and the Patriots delivered, but it took some growth to get to the ultimate goal. The Patriots started the season 4-3 playing a tough schedule that included a rematch of the 1996 state title game with Beulah, which the Miners won 54-49 and four games against Minnesota opponents. May-Port-CG played Minnetonka (Minn.) at the Fargo Civic Center and lost 54-51 and would then travel to play in the Minnesota Timberwolves High School Holiday Tournament at Target Center. The Patriots opened that tournament with a 70-52 loss to Eagan, but recovered to pick up two wins against Anoka and Champlin.

The early season tests put together by May-Port-CG head coach Del Kessler proved to be just what the Patriots needed as the team would rattle off 23 straight wins following the loss to Eagan.

All along the way the team leaned on its experienced starting five that were all 6-foot-5 or taller. The starting group was versatile with LeClair and Klabo able to dominate in the paint and Jacobson, Swift and Kraft able to compliment with a range of skills that included precision perimeter shooting.

In the 1997 District 3 Championship game, the Patriots defeated Hillsboro 42-39, which avenged a loss to the Burros in the 1996 District 3 Championship. The Patriots and Burros would meet again in the Region 2 championship game and Patriots won that game 56-44 to punch their ticket to the state tournament that would be played at FARGODOME.

At state, the Patriots opened with a 57-41 win over Leeds/Wolford in the quarterfinals setting up a rematch with the Beulah Miners in the semifinals. By March, May-Port-CG was a different team than the one the Miners had played early in the season and the Patriots showed their might defeating Beulah 56-33. Undefeated Glenburn awaited May-Port-CG in the championship game, but once again the Patriots proved to be too much for their opponent sealing the repeat with a 69-53 win.

On the court, not much was left for debate concerning the May-Port-CG Patriots. They powered their way to a repeat in a fashion that left many Class B boys basketball fans debating on whether or not they were best North Dakota Class B team of all time.

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Middle Row (L to R): Wade Garret, Chris Breiland, John Lyng, Asst. Coach Merle Strand, Head Coach Del Kessler, Amber Anda, Val Kraling, Mindy Johnson, Rachel Johnson

Front Row (L to R): Lindsay Beck, Tara Kessler, Heather Kessler, Hanah Olson, and Sally Peterson

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Gary Cederstrom - Minot

Gary Cederstrom began officiating North Dakota high school football and boys basketball in 1975.

In 1980 he added high school girls basketball to his officiating repertoire. In total, Cederstrom officiated 25 seasons of boys basketball, 20 seasons of high school football and 14 seasons of high school girls basketball in the state of North Dakota. As a high school official, Cederstrom worked 30 NDHSAA playoff football games, and 10-plus boys and girls baseball region tournaments.

Cederstrom's officiating talents eventually propelled him to a career as an umpire in professional baseball. From 1989 to 2019 Cederstrom was an umpire in Major League Baseball serving as a crew chief from 2007-2019. During his MLB umpiring tenure, Cederstrom umpired in the 2003 and 2014 MLB All-Star games, three MLB Wild Card Playoff games, nine MLB Division Series Playoff Series, eight MLB League Championship Series and four MLB World Series (2005, 2011, 2015 and 2019).

Prior to his 31 seasons umpiring in Major League Baseball, Cederstrom umpired in the Midwest League, Eastern League, and American Association. He was named Crew Chief of the Year by Close Call Sports (CCS) & Umpire Ejection Fantasy League (UEFL) in 2015 and 2019. Cederstrom also worked several seasons officiating basketball in the NDCAC, Mon-Dak and the IBA.

Cederstrom retired as an MLB umpire in February of 2020, but returned to North Dakota to officiate high school football games in his home state during the 2020 season. He is married to Theresa and has three children: Erin, Caitlin and Keaton.

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Kevin Sundre - Petersburg

Kevin Sundre has been officiating basketball in North Dakota for 36 years and is still active. During his time as an official Sundre has been selected for his demonstrated abilities to work 60 district tournaments, 45 region tournaments and 18 state tournaments, 13 NDHSAA Class B Boys State Tournaments and five NDHSAA Class B Girls Basketball State Tournaments.

Sundre has served as a Basketball Officials Workshop Supervisor in Devils Lake for many years and has organized several officials day camps to help inexperienced officials to become more fundamentally sound. Sundre also has advanced the profession of officiating in the state by actively recruiting and mentoring young officials. Sundre is married to Lynae and they have two children: Ashley, married to son-in-law Matthew with two children (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and Zac, married to Shelby (Minneapolis, Minnesota).



Robert D. King NDHSAA Distinguished Service Award Recipient



Don Hanson

Don Hanson, former editor of the North Dakota Hoopster Magazines, has been named a recipient of the Robert D. King Distinguished Service Award presented by the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

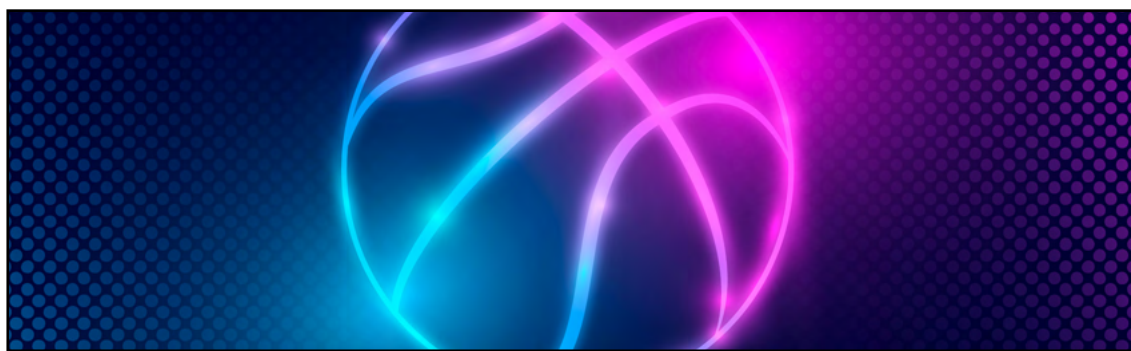
The NDHSAA's Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made positive contributions to interscholastic activities in the state.

Hanson began publishing the North Dakota Hoopster Magazine – a preseason high school and collegiate basketball preview magazine detailing in-depth looks at teams across the state – in 1983. He later added a Miss Hoopster Magazine in 1992. Along with team previews of every high school and collegiate team in North Dakota, Hanson's Hoopster Magazines also featured the always popular high school basketball power polls and his preseason picks for each district, region and state winners.

Hanson was a 1960 graduate of Sherwood High School. He played baseball at Minot State University and graduated in 1964. After college, Hanson coached and taught math in New Salem, N.D. for three years before moving his family to Mandan where he taught and coached basketball. Hanson became Mandan's head boys basketball coach in 1974 and led the program for 13 seasons including a NDHSAA Class A State Championship in 1981.

In addition to his career as an educator, coach and publisher, Hanson also was a sports official and a professional baseball scout for numerous teams in Major League Baseball including the Minnesota Twins.

Hanson passed away on September 17th, 2018. In his absence, his family, led by his son Perry, have kept The Hoopster Magazines in operation so they can continue to be enjoyed by basketball fans across the state.



“Dear Athletes” By MATT GERSZEWSKI

In my first few years as a sportswriter, I was asked to speak at a couple of post-season high school celebratory banquets, honoring the Medina boys basketball team, and the Sherwood football and girls basketball clubs.

I flopped badly on both occasions, probably the reason I never again was invited to speak anywhere.

I knew what I wanted to say, but being more of a words-on-paper guy, I just didn't know how to say it, how to deliver my simple message: “Above all, have fun.”

About 36 years later, I'll try again, this time in my favorite medium.

Dear athletes: You are all here with one prime goal in mind; to win a state championship. Along the way, you hope that this tournament experience will augment those life's lessons you have hopefully studied during the season.

The experts say sports, especially team sports, builds character. Competition helps build respect and integrity. Sports teaches you how to be a team player, how to lose with dignity and win with class.

To be a good athlete, the experts say, you will need and you will develop these traits for the rest of your life:

- Drive
- Discipline
- Competitiveness
- Self-confidence
- Aggressiveness
- Focus
- Commitment
- Time management
- Determination
- A tolerance for pain
- Adaptability
- Emotional maturity

All true, but I think the most important attribute needs to be stressed and re-stressed: You've absolutely got to have FUN.

You already intrinsically know that. Almost all of you wouldn't be playing basketball, sharing with teammates, if it wasn't fun. Having fun is, well, fun-damental. But sometimes it's not easy.

Think of some of those breath-gasping, grueling practices and pre-season gut-buster drills. Recall the inadvertent elbows to the gut in the paint, or the bloody scratches on your arms caused by that pesky opponent who didn't trim his fingernails. Or the shoulder bruises and sprained ankles and knees.

Remember the times coach blew the whistle and “talked” to you in a not-so-quiet manner.

Think of the demands placed upon you by your teammates, your friends, sometimes your parents. And the razzing you got from opposition fans.

Remember the early mornings you just didn't want to get out of bed for those pre-school meetings or practices, or the occasions you fell asleep on bus trips out of town.

Think of the times when it seemed more like a daily-grind job, rather than a game kids play. Please, don't let anyone ever convince you that high school sports is or should be a job.

A lot of it WAS difficult. But as someone much wiser than I said, not much of anything worth doing is easy. Still, you survived and you are here to go all out and perhaps bring a trophy back to your school.

But the best way to remember this weekend is to try to thoroughly enjoy it. Act and play like you LOVE it.

No, that doesn't mean taking it easy, not hustling down the court to play defense, goofing off on the bench, attempting 14 three-pointers until you hit one, or shooting free throws blind-folded. It means doing the absolute best you can, trying the very hardest you can, achieving the absolute highest goal you can achieve. THAT is fun and will stick to your ribs and your brain long after this tournament is over.

Despite all of those worthwhile traits and attributes the experts talk about, playing sports will not guarantee you success in life. Without attempting to burst any bubbles, it's fair to say the majority of you will grow up to work in average jobs, you won't be famous or noticed much except by friends and family, you won't be geniuses or sports stars. That's OK. I haven't found that life to be non-fulfilling.

Don't get me wrong. Greatness is possible. A few of you will become famous. A handful of you may go on to athletic success in college. Several of you will make lots of money. Others will be acknowledged as great thinkers. A few of you, heaven forbid, might even get elected to public office.

But any greatness you achieve, tangible or intangible, will be in the eye, heart and soul of the beholder — YOU. If you like yourself, strive constantly to improve and have as much fun as you can in the process, you WILL be great.

That's all anyone can ask, and that's what you should ask of yourself. So c'mon, win or lose, let's see some smiles and laughter out there!

—Matt Gerszewski is a former sportswriter, sports editor and city news editor of the Minot Daily News.

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